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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office action dated September 12, 2002, having a shortened statutory period set to expire December 12, 2002. Filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a one-month extension, thereby giving the undersigned a period until January 13, 2003 (January 12, 2003 being a Sunday), in which to respond. Further examination and consideration are requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 1-12 with the following paragraph:

Figure 1C illustrates the situation where the client component (152) object and the server component object (162) reside on different computer systems, namely client computer 150 and server computer 160. In this example, local inter-process communication blocks 136 and 146 are replaced with network protocol stacks 156 and 166, respectively. Consequently, component object communication can be through network 170. The term "network" is used in the broadest sense, and can include, for example simple point-to-point connections, LANs, WANs, and the Internet. Note also

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